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OF THE

One Hundred Sixteenth

Annual Session

OF THE

Roaring River

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cross Roads Church

WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23,

1962

Next session convenes with Woodruff Church, Glade Valley, North Carolina, ten miles south of Sparta, North Carolina on U. S. Highway 21, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1963.

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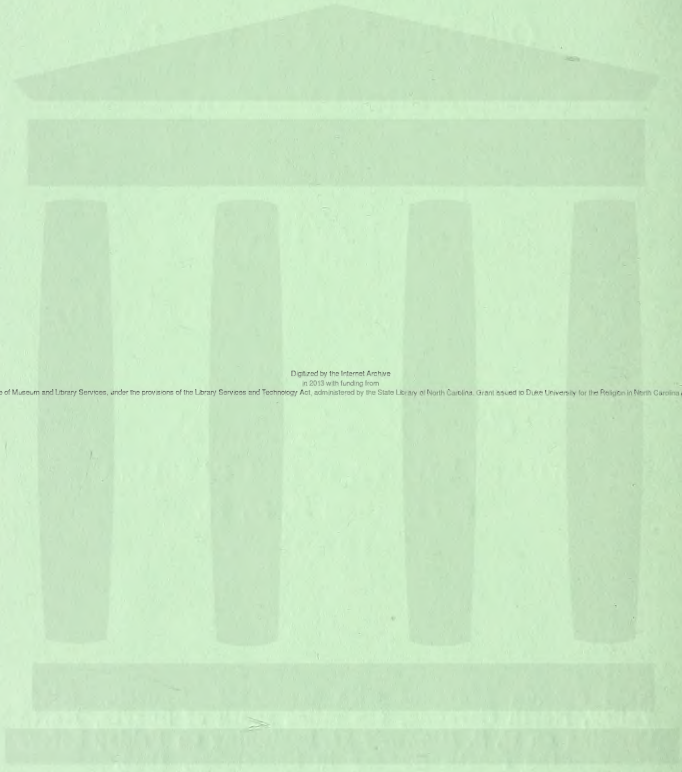

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ROARING RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song and prayer by Elder Coy Sikes, correspondent from the Fisher River Association. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall.

2. The Association was called to order by song and prayer by Elder Raleigh Joines.

3. Read and received letter from Mulberry, Cross Roads, and Woodruff Churches.

4. On motion we elect a Moderator and Clerk by move and second.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall Moderator and John D. Hall Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion we omit reading the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith at this session.

8. On motion we called for correspondents who were to go to sister Associations to report. They reported and those who failed to go were excused.

9. On motion the Moderator make all temporary appointments for the session.

10. On motion we drop all fellowship with the Senter Association for affiliating with the Mountain District Association and the Wilson faction.

11. On motion we stop sending Minutes to Union and Mountain Associations.

12. On motion we call correspondents and visitors from our regular correspondents and seat them.

(A) Fisher's River: Correspondent Elder Coy Sikes, Bros. J. A. Marion and Carl Simpson. Visitors, Elder Jessie Collins and wife, Brother O. W. Sisk, Brother H. J. Hill, Sisters Ula Brenger and Etta Damerson, Brother Willie Branch.

(B) St. Clair Bottom: Correspondents, Brother Paul Saunders, Brother A. J. Arrington, Brother Bernie Heath. Visitors, Brother W. B. Johnson and wife, Brother W. M. Puckett and wife, Sister Jim Nunn and Sister C. R. Dancy.

(C) Washington: Correspondents: Elder Martin Edwards and Elder Hall Hankins. Visitors, Elder Ring Singleton, Sister Ellen Breeding and Brother Grady Sikes.

(D) Piney Grove: Correspondents, Elder Joel Simmons, and Brother Roy Hall. Visitors, Brother S. O. Shelton.

13. On motion we seat visitors from Pond Mountain Church at this session. Visitor, Brother Eddie Lyis.

14. On motion seat visitor from Zion Church at this session. Visitors, Brother Estep and wife, Brother Troy Miller and wife.

15. Called for volunteers to go to sister Associations. The following responded and were appointed to go:

(A) Fisher's River: To be held at Zion Hill off highway 89 west of Mt. Airy, N. C., to start on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1963. Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon W. C. Hall and Brother John Choate.

(B) St. Clair Bottom: To be held with the Church at Tumble Creek near Saltville, Va. To start on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1963. Deacons Carl Francis and W. C. Hall.

(C) Washington: To be held with Jerusalem Church near Oakwood Va., to start on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1963. Elder C. D. Hall and Deacons Cary Francis, and W. C. Hall.

(D) Piney Grove: To be held with Buffalo Church near Sandy Ridge, N. C., in Stokes County, to start on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1963. Elder Raleigh Joines, Deacons Carl Francis and W. C. Hall.

16. Appointed a Committee on Preaching composed of one member from each church, Deacons W. C. Hall and Carl Francis and Brother Jim Richardson.

17. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements: Sisters Bertha Billings and Nettie Brown, and Elder Raleigh Joines, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

18. Appointed a Committee on Finance: Brother John Choate and Sister Winnie Ellis.

19. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported for Friday evening.

20. On motion we read the Minutes.

21. On motion we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder Martin Edwards.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 22, 1962.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday.

1. Called the roll and marked those absent.

2. On motion called on Committee on Arrangements to report and they recommend the following: The report received and the Committee discharged..

(a) All of our churches in the Roaring River Association have declared Meadow Fork Church in disorder for not recognizing the work of the Association, and we recommend that the Association drop Meadow Fork from the Association.

(b) We recommend the Association drop Reddies River Church since they have not lettered up in several years and are not having any meeting.

(c) We recommened the Obituary of Sister Hiley Absher be printed in these Minutes.

(d) We recommend the next Association go to Woodruff Church.

(e) We recommend that we send Minutes to Pond Mountain Zion, and Fellowship Churches.

(f) We recommend that John D. Hall be appointed Treasurer and to supervise the printing of the Minutes, and have 400 copies printed and distributed.

3. Called on Committee of Finance to report. They reported as follows:

Received from the churches	$89.00	
Left over from last year	2.00	$91.00
Allowed the Moderator	$10.00	
Allowed the Clerk	10.00	
Allowed visiting Elders	21.00	
Left in hands of the treasurer	50.00	$91.00

4. Called for correspondents and visitors who were not here yesterday.

(a) Fisher's River: Correspondents, none. Visitor, Sister J. A. Marion, Brother Sam Holder and wife.

b) St. Clair Bottom: Correspondents, Brother Quentin Dancy, Visitors, Brother Boss Hart and wife, Brother Marion Helts and wife, Sister Quentin Dancy.

(c) Washington: Correspondents, Elder Raleigh Compton.

(d) Piney Grove: None.

5. On motion we seat visitor from Fellowship Church at the session, Brother R. L. Bonds.

6. On motion we receive the reports of the Preaching and Finance Committees, and dismiss them.

7. On motion we stand by the ancient landmarks set up by Christ and the apostles and the old Articles of Faith for Roaring River Association as carried in our Minutes continuously.

8. On motion the Clerk report and read the Minutes.

9. Resolved that we return thanks first to God for mercies and thanks to our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly and tenderly caring for us in this session.

10. On motion we adjourn with prayer by Elder C. D. Hall.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator
JOHN D. HALL, Clerk

OBITUARY FOR SISTER HILEY ABSHER

Sister Hiley Virginia Absher passed away at 3 p. m., Monday, September 25, 1961 at the Wilkes General Hospital in North Wilkesboro after a short illness. Sister Absher was born in Wilkes Co., to John and Charity Elizabeth Kilby Absher who preceded her in death.

Sister Absher's birth date was July 24, 1897, making her stay here on earth 64 years, 2 months, and one day.

Surviving are three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. B. B. Caudill of Winston Salem, N. C., Mrs. Troy W. Kilby of Winston Salem, Mrs. W. R. Handy, Rt. 1, Wilkesboro, N. C., Mr. Milton Absher of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. A. A. Absher of McGrady, N. C.

Sister Absher joined old Mulberry Primitive Baptist Church, June 1922. She remained a member of this church until death. Sister Absher will be missed by her family, friends and community.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

Licentiate J. A. Marion, no special text.
Elder Hall Hankins, no special text.
Licentiate Willie Branch, no special text.

Friday Night at Mulberry:
Elder Jessie Collins, no special text.
Elder Martin Edwards, no special text.

Saturday:
Elder Joel Simmons, no special text.
Elder A. R. Singleton, no special text.
Licentiate R. L. Bonds, no special text.
Elder Martin Edwards, no special text.
Elder Raleigh Compton, John 1:1.

Saturday Night at Cross Roads:
Elder Hall Hankins, no special text.
Elder Raleigh Compton, Solomon 1.

Sunday:
Elder R. L. Bonds, no special text.
Elder Raleigh Compton, 2 Titus 1:9.
Elder Jessie Collins, no special text.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Mulberry—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.
Woodruff—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.
Cross Roads—Elder C. D. Hall and Elder Raleigh Joines.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, McGrady, N. C.
Elder Raleigh Joines, R. F. D. 4, Sparta, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

	No. of Minutes
Double Creek—Margie Truitt, Hays, N. C.	6
Mulberry—W. C. Hall, Box 51, McGrady, N. C.	40
Woodruff—J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, N. C.	30
Cross Roads—Nettie Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	25

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Fisher's River—Curtis Harbour, Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.	40
St. Clair's Bottom—Quentin. P. Dancy, Star Route, Chilhowie, Va.	20
Washington—Elder L. S. Street, Grundy, Va.	40
Piney Grove—S. O. Shelton, Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.	25

CONSTITUTION OF ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches requested to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, or dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power

over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the delgates the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation.

8. Every query presented by any member in the Association shall be once read, and before debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and if there be majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration, deliberated upon, if not, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association; the best method of effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

11. We think it necessary that we should have an Association Fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they may think proper, and send by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needs be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James Version) are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by natufe by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus sanctified and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ord-

inances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the righeous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except as is regularly called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without liberty from the Association.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without permission of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other appellation but "brother" during the sitting of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall wittingly and willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. Amendment to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To endeavor to preserve inviolable a chain of communication amongst the churches; 3. To give the churches necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent in the Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for an Association Fund, to any purpose they may think proper; 6. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any churches in this union which shall violate the Rules of this Association, or depart from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry as assistants, who may be present at the time of their sitting, when they shall judge necessary; 8. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time and place they think most convenient to the churches in the union. Received by the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Communion Mo.	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Cross Roads	Deacon Carl Francis, Sisters Nettie Brown, Ruby Francis	June	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	$30.00
Mulberry	Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon W. C. Hall, Brother John D. Hall	Aug.	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	32.00
Woodruff	Eld. Raleigh Compton, Bros. John Choate, Jim Richardson	July	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	17	25.00
Double Creek ...	Represented by contribution only											2.00
	Totals		....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	35	$89.00

All church meeting at night.